

## **CDR JOSEPH D. COLEMAN**

### **Medical Service Corps, United States Navy**

CDR “Joe” Coleman was born in Portage, Pennsylvania in 1965. He graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, PA and received a Bachelor of Science in Hospital Planning and Administration from the Pennsylvania State University where he was President of the Alpha Delta Chapter of the International Fraternity, Kappa Sigma. He was selected for a commission in the fall of 1990 while working as an executive assistant to the Southern Alleghenies Emergency Services Council.

CDR Coleman reported for duty to Officer Indoctrination School, Newport Rhode Island in November of 1990. His first duty assignment was as Plans Operations and Medical Intelligence Officer Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, NC. There he processed 320 officers and enlisted personnel to augmentation platforms during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. Later, he created an active internal public affairs program from the ground up at his second duty station, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He gained valuable public speaking, marketing and media relations experience acting as the command spokesperson through the opening of the first TRICARE project office and the contracting of the new 330 million dollar acute care facility. During his next assignment, Division Officer/Radiation Health Officer/Medical Administration Officer aboard USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69), he participated in several noteworthy joint operations including Uphold Democracy and Joint Endeavor while preparing for and completing a Mediterranean, Red Sea and Arabian Gulf Deployment. This deployment called upon skills gained earlier as it was the first combat deployment with women fully integrated into the crew, garnering national media attention.

At his next assignment, CDR Coleman oversaw the revision of the entire core curriculum at the Joint Medical Readiness Training Center (JMRTC), which included the Combat Casualty Care and the Combat Casualty Management Courses. He carried back “real life” naval experience transitioning medical readiness program initiatives involving advanced distributive learning. This included the Medical Readiness Course within the U. S. Army-Baylor Master of Healthcare Administration Program. Ironically, his next assignment was as a student with the Army-Baylor Program where he completed his first advanced degree focusing on managed healthcare. Lieutenant Commander Coleman was next assigned as the Deputy Medical Officer, Commander, Naval Surface Forces U. S. Atlantic Fleet where he championed surface medicine’s transition in the global war on terrorism and the automatic enrollment of operationally assigned sailors. Upon completing this assignment he was chosen to attend the Naval War College where he received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

CDR Coleman was next assigned to the Navy Warfare Development Command in Newport, RI as a medical Doctrine action officer. He has volunteered and deployed in support of advanced lessons learned teams during Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina support operations. He was then given the opportunity to work outside of his functional area developing foreign and domestic disaster relief tactical memorandums directed by CNO tasking and in response to fleet lessons learned. CDR Coleman is currently assigned as the Director Health Affairs Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq working as a partner to the Surgeon General Ministry of Defence.

CDR Coleman was selected for promotion to CDR for Fiscal Year 2007 and is currently certified by the American College of Healthcare Administrators and has attained all 40 Medical

Executive skills competencies. CDR Coleman is entitled to wear the following insignias, decorations and awards: Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer; Joint Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal Three Gold Stars; Joint Service Achievement Medal; Navy Achievement Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation with bronze star; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Armed Services Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Armed Forces Services Medal: Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal.

CDR Coleman currently resides in the Ledyard, CT with his wife, CDR Barbara Coleman MSC, USN also a U.S. Army Baylor University Graduate currently working as TRICARE Operations Officer Naval Healthcare, New England at Naval Ambulatory Care Clinic Groton. They have two Daughters Casey, age 12, and Kelly, age 10, who are in Olympic Development Junior Soccer Programs. Both Officers are active in their community as certified youth soccer coaches and volunteer as coach in support of the Ledyard Parks and Recreation youth soccer programs.